



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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February General Meeting

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday** night, **February 25th**. We'll meet at **6:00 p.m.** for coffee in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch Library**. Our meeting will start at 6:30 and then our speaker, **Robyn Conley**, will speak on "**Writing Your Life's Story**." Robyn is known as "*the Book Doctor*" because she has successfully helped several authors get their books into print with advice to make their work more marketable. She has over 10 books to her credit as well. She wants genealogists to focus on including their own stories into their genealogy and aims to help you be a better writer and storyteller. She will offer some very practical organizational tips to accomplish these tasks. She will also have some of her books for purchase and autograph.

We will also have a surprise. A presentation will be made to a very special guest and friend of FWGS. It is just too much to miss—so **DON'T**. Please come!

FWGS web site:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/>



FW Library News

BRANCH ANCESTRY

Your Editor just learned that the genealogical computer services offered by FW Library in the Gen Unit are not exclusive to the downtown branch. Every branch of the library has access to Heritage Quest, Genealogy Bank, and Ancestry.com. To help patrons discover this and learn to use these, Gen staff are conducting rotating visits to branches to conduct classes. The next 2 are below:

- Wed, Feb. 12, 2 p.m.
Southwest Regional Library
- Wed, March 12, 2 p.m.
Wedgwood Branch

And Another Thing Or Two.....

1. Now you MUST have a Library Card to use the computers in any library, even in the Gen Unit! If you are visiting from outside FW a guest card is available. Ask a staff member.
2. New Copy Machines were installed in January that take bills. Ask for a tutorial next trip.

FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: February 15th

10:15 Central Branch

Beginners: February 22nd

10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: February 22nd

2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: February 25th

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Coffee at 6:00

Central Branch (Genealogy):

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. :

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tue., Thu. : 12 noon – 8 p.m.

Sun. : 1 – 5 p.m.

From the President.....



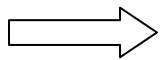
Happy Valentine's Day

LOVE to have you come to all our February Meetings. (See our schedule on page 1.) I also **LOVED** seeing you at the January meeting. We had some new guests and gained 2 new members. I heard several comments that not only did you enjoy the tour with **Suzanne Fritz** and **Kathryn Cain** of Library Staff, but that this topic and visit downstairs in the Genealogy Unit, was just exactly what you needed. **Love** that! Also **Loved** those cookies, **Roy Combrink**—Thanks! And thanks to all those volunteering to bring refreshments in the coming months! **Phil Morris** will furnish something good for us in February.

FWGS has begun our NEW YEAR with a BANG! At our first Beginner's Class of the year, **Terri Meeks** reported 34-her biggest first class since she began teaching. I had 16 in Computers Users Group. There is room for more.

Love to have you come too!

Debbie Pearson



Dues Reminder

You will find an application blank in this newsletter or you can always go the web site and download a copy.

2014 dues are still \$23 for an Individual membership and \$27 for a Family membership. The Society address is:

Fort Worth Genealogical Society
ATTN: Membership Director
PO BOX 471789
FORT WORTH TX 76147-1408

Did'Ja Know?



This from the historic Oakwood Cemetery....

They've added a "**Burial Lists**" page to their website. This new page provides direct links to the Fort Worth Genealogical Society burial list archives for both **Oakwood Cemetery** (1879-1994) and the **Pioneers Rest** historic burial list. In addition, there is a direct link to the historic Confederate burials at Oakwood. These direct links will be a big convenience for researchers and genealogy buffs. The cooperation from the FWGS was much appreciated.

<http://oakwoodcemetery.net/>

This Just In.....



Find A Grave Purchased

By Ancestry.com

Your editor spotted this item in the *NGS Magazine*, Vol 39, No 4 (Oct-Dec, 2013.) No mention if the valuable web site will continue to be free. Stay tuned.....

Ancestry plans to improve customer support, launch a new mobile application, and introduce an enhanced edit system.

Find A Grave has grown over the last 18 years, now consisting of over 100 million memorials and 75 million photos. Creator, **Jim Timpton**, will continue to manage the site, although it will be owned by Ancestry.

Genealogy News Around the State.....

New Book by Lloyd Bockstruck—Our friend from Dallas, retired DPL Librarian and frequent Summer Seminar speaker, has recently published a new work entitled, *The Name IS the Game*. This work covers the study of naming practices and includes surnames, forenames, and Place Names. **\$16.95** at www.genealogical.com

Dick Eastman Awarded Certificate of Recognition

Many will recognize Dick's name from his daily *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*. NGS has recognized Dick and 3 other persons or organizations for a new Honor given for the first time in 2013. His work to encourage the study and sharing of family history led to his very early creation of the CompuServe Genealogy Forum and the online newsletter. His foresight and commitment have expanded the genealogy community and benefitted many. Others honored were: Dr. Hugh Kearsley, Rosemary Cleaver, and The Polish Archive of Przemysl.

2014 Forensic Genealogy Institute Comes to Dallas

March 24 through 29th. The field of Forensic Genealogy fueled by the ever growing study of DNA is gaining more and more prominence for professional genealogists. This is the perfect mix of science, history, research, and genealogy. Two sessions will be offered, one foundational (24th-26th) and the other advanced (27th-29th). Special Week Price \$849.00 See: <http://www.forensicgenealogists.com/forensic-genealogy-institute.html>

Metroplex Genealogical Happenings.....



Billy W. Sills Center for Archives of FWISD

FRIDAY FREEBIES: The National Archives at Fort Worth hosts **FREE** genealogical workshops the first Friday of the month from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Montgomery Plaza location: 2600 West 7th Street, Suite 162, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch to enjoy while attending the workshop. If you have any questions please call (817) 831-5620.

Space is limited, so please R.S.V.P. to ftworth.education@nara.gov to attend.

February 7th *Fort Smith Criminal Court Records*
by Meg Hacker, Archives Director

March 7th *Introduction to Genealogy from a Volunteer's Perspective*
by David McClellan, NARA Volunteer



FW Library and TCU

Center for Texas Studies Series

Held at Central Library 1st Sat of every month at 10:30-12 Noon.....

Sat, Mar 1: Bud Kennedy of *FW Star Telegram* speaks on "Remembering FW's Iconic Restaurants."

Sat, Apr 5: "Fair Park Deco: Art & Architecture of the Texas Centennial Exposition" by David Bush and Jim Parsons

All Day Workshops.....

Sat, March 1st Family History Fair sponsored by Arlington TX Stake of LDS. See web site for more and how to register: <http://www.arlingtontxfhc.org/>

Sat, March 22nd Spring Lecture sponsored by Dallas GS. Speaker: **Laura G. Prescott** of national fame on Four Topics: Ancestors in City Directories, Placing Your Heritage in Historical Perspective, Finding Family In Academic Archives, & Using Manuscripts to Create a Family History. See <http://www.dallasgenealogy.org>

Sat, March 8th: 10-12 Noon

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD
2720 Cullen Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76107
817-814-2040

Speaker: **Max Hill**, librarian and historian on the

Topic: "**History of Fort Worth's Censor Board**"

Free refreshments at 9:30 before the meeting begins

Free Series every month. Need More?

Contact: Lenna.hughes@fwisd.org

NATIONAL NEWS:

Samford University's IGHR Opens 2014 Enrollment **The Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)**

provides a week long educational forum for the discovery, critical evaluation, and use of genealogical sources and methodology. The intensive study led by nationally prominent genealogical educators range from a course for beginners to advanced courses on specialized topics.

The institute, begun in 1962, is academically and professionally oriented and is cosponsored by the Board for Certification of Genealogists. The faculty is composed of outstanding nationally known genealogy educators.

The 2014 Institute begins at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 8, and concludes at 12:00 p.m. Friday, June 13.

Registration just began Jan 21st and already 3 sessions are full and taking waiting lists.

EDITOR: It's always been a dream to attend IGHR but I have waited too long. Sadly, two of my favorites on faculty have announced their retirements. 1. **Elizabeth Shown Mills** retires from faculty after 35 years there. 2. **Lloyd D. Bockstruck** retires after starting courses as a student in 1973 and spending decades on faculty himself. To read more of their 2 stories and to find more information on registration go to:

<http://www4.samford.edu/schools/ighr/>



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Membership Renewal & Application -☆- Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Individual Membership - \$23
⇒ \$20 if paid before the new year begins

Family Membership - \$27
⇒ \$25 if paid before the new year begins

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail Address: _____

This membership application is for: 2014 2015 New Renewal

Winter Weather

Just a Reminder! Winter has already started to become severe with a couple of ice events and plunging arctic temperatures and wind chills. Please remember that in the event of severe weather on the day of a FWGS scheduled event we follow: 1. FW Library closing schedules and 2. FWISD closing schedules. You can check our FWGS Facebook page or check the NBC channel 5 TV or web site for cancellations of meetings.